

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 )  
v. ) No. 1:12-cr-00143-002-TRM-SKL  
 ) No. 1:19-cr-00153-TRM-SKL  
BRANDON STEELE )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

BRANDON STEELE (“Defendant”), came before the Court for an initial appearance on December 12, 2024, in accordance with Rule 32.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure on the Petition for Offender Under Supervision [Doc. 601 in Case No. 1:12-cr-00143-002; Doc. 54 in Case No. 1:19-cr-00153] (the “Petition”).

After being sworn in due form of law, Defendant was informed of his privilege against self-incrimination under the 5th Amendment and his right to counsel under the 6th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Court determined Defendant wanted to be represented by an attorney and that he qualified for the appointment of an attorney to represent him at government expense. Consequently, the Court **APPOINTED** Attorney Clay Whittaker of Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, Inc., to represent Defendant.

Defendant was furnished with a copy of the Petition, and had an opportunity to review that document with his attorney. The Court determined that Defendant was able to read and understand the Petition with the assistance of his counsel. In addition, AUSA Tammy Combs explained to Defendant the specific charges contained in the Petition. Defendant acknowledged that he understood the charges in the Petition.

The Government moved Defendant be detained pending disposition of the Petition or further Order of this Court. The Court explained Defendant’s right to a preliminary hearing and detention hearing and what those hearings entail. Defendant conferred with his counsel and waived the preliminary hearing; however, he requested a detention hearing. The Court scheduled the detention hearing on December 17, 2024. Defendant appeared in Court on that date and waived the detention hearing.

The Court finds that probable cause exists to demonstrate that Defendant has committed violations of his conditions of supervised release and that Defendant has not carried the burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that he will not flee or pose a danger to any other person or to the community. Consequently, the Court **GRANTED** the Government’s oral motion to detain Defendant pending disposition of the Petition or further Order of this Court.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that:

1. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall confer and make best efforts to submit to the United States District Judge a proposed Agreed Order with respect to an appropriate disposition of the Petition.
2. In the event counsel are unable to reach agreement with respect to an appropriate disposition of the Petition, they shall request a hearing before the United States District Judge.
3. The Government's motion that Defendant be **DETAINED WITHOUT BAIL** pending further Order of this Court is **GRANTED**.

**SO ORDERED.**

*/s/ Christopher H. Steger*  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE